

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.: 10/528,974	First Named Inventor: Paul Murray
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Examiner: Shameem, Golam M	Group Art Unit : 1626
Customer No.: 44992	Confirmation No.: 1465
Title: Process And Intermediates For The Preparation Of The Thienopyrrole Derivatives	

Mail Stop Amendment
 Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This is a response to an Office Action dated 09/11/2007, in which the Examiner requires Election/Restriction of the claims of this application. This response is filed within the one-month shortened statutory period for response as set out in the aforesaid Action.

Applicants hereby elect Group I: Claims 1-4 "drawn to processes for preparing a compound of formula I, classified in class 548 and several subclasses" without traverse.

Applicants request that the Examiner considers combining Group V into Group I. Applicants believe that the invention of Group V shares the requisite unifying inventive concept because the compounds of formula (I) and formula (XII) share substantial structural similarity and the compounds of formula (I) are intermediates for the compounds of formula (XII). Applicants therefore believe that searching Claims 1-4 and claim 11 would not be an undue burden for the Examiner.

Applicants elect the product of Example 1, methyl 2 chloro-6H-thieno[2,3-b]pyrrole-5-carboxylate, as the single species. Claims 1-4 read onto this compound.

Applicants respectfully request that this application be promptly examined on the merits.

Applicants reserve right to prosecute any un-elected subject matter in a timely filed divisional application.

Applicants believe the application is in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested.

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Although Applicants believe no fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees or credit any overpayment to deposit account No. 50-3231, referencing Attorney Docket No. 100835-1P US.

Respectfully submitted,
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